

EXHIBIT "B" - PENDING CLAIMS

1 1. (Amended) A pre-paid airline ticket comprising a record of an advance-purchase of an
2 airline ticket for a fixed price to be utilized by a customer to book a flight, the pre-paid airline
3 ticket including an identifier, the identifier uniquely identifying the pre-paid airline ticket and
4 operable to be utilized by the customer to book a flight, and, associated with the identifier, a
5 plurality of geographic flight parameters and a plurality of non-geographic flight parameters, at
6 least one of the plurality of geographic flight parameters being unspecified.

1 2. The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 1 wherein the identifier comprises an alpha-
2 numeric sequence.

1 3. The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 1 wherein the plurality of non-geographic
2 flight parameters comprise a date, a time, a flight number, and a seat.

1 4. The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 1 wherein the plurality of non-geographic
2 flight parameters further comprise one or more unspecified non-geographic flight parameters.

1 5. The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 4 wherein the one or more unspecified non-
2 geographic flight parameters comprise a range of possible values from which the one or more
3 unspecified non-geographic flight parameters may be selected.

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1 6. The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 1 wherein the plurality of geographic flight
2 parameters comprise a departure location and a destination.

1 7. The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 1 further comprising a dependence between
2 two or more of the plurality of geographic flight parameters.

1 8. The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 7 wherein the dependence comprises a
2 maximum distance between the destination and the departure location.

1 9. The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 7 wherein the dependence comprises a
2 geographical region from which the departure location and the destination must be selected.

1 10. The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 7 wherein the dependence comprises a
2 geographical region from which the departure location must be selected for a specified
3 destination.

1 11. The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 7 wherein the dependence comprises a
2 geographical region from which the destination must be selected for a specified departure
3 location.

1 12. The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 1 further comprising a wallet-sized card, the
2 wallet sized card including a magnetic strip, the magnetic strip comprising an encoded
3 representation of the unique identifier.

1 13. The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 1 further comprising a wallet-sized card, the
2 wallet-sized card including a bar code, the bar code comprising an encoded representation of
3 the unique identifier.

1 14. The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 1 further comprising a printed receipt, the
2 printed receipt including a first part for presentation to an airline and a second part for a
3 customer's records, the printed receipt including, in printed form, the unique identifier, the
4 plurality of non-geographic flight parameters, and the plurality of geographic flight parameters.

1 15. The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 1 further comprising an electronic receipt, the
2 electronic receipt including, in electronic form, the unique identifier.

1 16. The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 1 further comprising an email receipt, the
2 email receipt including, in electronic form, the unique identifier.

1 34. (Amended) A method for providing pre-paid airline tickets comprising:
2 storing a plurality of ticket options in a ticket option database, each ticket option
3 comprising a ticket price and a plurality of flight parameters, at least one of the plurality of flight
4 parameters being a geographic flight parameter;
5 presenting the ticket options to a customer;
6 receiving a ticket selection from the customer;
7 receiving a payment from the customer, the payment being equal to the ticket
8 price;

9 associating a unique identifier with the selected ticket option;
10 storing the unique identifier and the associated ticket option; and
11 providing a pre-paid airline ticket to the customer, the pre-paid airline ticket
12 comprising a record of the unique identifier operable to be utilized by the customer to book a
13 flight and a record of one or more of the plurality of flight parameters, at least one of the at least
14 one geographic flight parameter being unspecified.

1 35. The method of claim 34 further comprising booking a flight using the pre-paid
2 airline ticket.

1 36. The method of claim 35 wherein booking a flight is performed interactively using
2 the World Wide Web.

1 37. The method of claim 34 further comprising periodically updating the ticket option
2 database from a remote airline server.

1 38. The method of claim 34 wherein receiving a payment from the customer further
2 comprises transferring funds for the customer using a remote financial transaction server.

1 39. The method of claim 34 wherein providing a pre-paid airline ticket further
2 comprises generating a wallet-sized card with the unique identifier encoded in a magnetic strip.

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1 40. The method of claim 34 wherein providing a pre-paid airline ticket further
2 comprises generating a wallet-sized card with the unique identifier encoded in a bar code.

1 41. The method of claim 34 wherein providing a pre-paid airline ticket further
2 comprises generating a printed receipt, the printed receipt including a first part for presentation
3 to an airline and a second part for the customer's records, the printed receipt including, in printed
4 form, the unique identifier and the plurality of flight parameters.

1 42. the method of claim 1 wherein a plurality of pre-paid airline tickets are provided
2 to a wholesale customer, the wholesale customer further reselling one or more of the pre-paid
3 airline tickets to a retail customer.

1 43. The method of claim 1 further comprising providing an electronic bulleting board
2 where a plurality of customers resell pre-paid airline tickets.

1 44. (Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium for
2 providing pre-paid airline tickets using a pre-paid ticket identifier database, the database
3 comprising a plurality of records, each record including a plurality of fields, the plurality of
4 fields comprising:

5 an identifier field, the identifier field including an identifier that uniquely
6 identifies a pre-paid airline ticket and operable to be utilized by a customer to book a flight; and

7 a plurality of geographic flight parameter fields and a plurality of non-geographic
8 flight parameter fields, at least one of the plurality of geographic flight parameter fields
9 including an geographic flight parameter being unspecified.

1 45. The computer program of claim 44 wherein the identifier included in the identifier
2 field comprises an alpha-numeric sequence.

1 46. The computer program of claim 44 wherein the plurality of non-geographic flight
2 parameter fields include a restrictions field, the restrictions field including any restrictions on use
3 of an associated pre-paid airline ticket.

1 47. The computer program of claim 44 wherein the unspecified geographic flight
2 parameter comprises a plurality of choices from which the unspecified geographic flight
3 parameter may be specified.

1 48. The computer program of claim 44 wherein the plurality of geographic flight
2 parameter fields include an allowed destinations field and an allowed departures field.

1 49. The computer program of claim 44 wherein the plurality of geographic flight
2 parameter fields includes a region field, the region field providing information which establishes
3 a dependence between an allowed destinations field and an allowed departures field.

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1 50. (New) The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 1, further comprising an expiration
2 date for the pre-paid airline ticket to expire.

1 51. (New) The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 50, wherein the expiration date
2 specifies the date that the customer is to utilize the identifier in booking a flight.

1 52. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising applying an expiration date to
2 each ticket option.

1 53. (New) The method of claim 52, further comprising receiving the identifier in
2 conjunction with a process of booking a flight.

1 54. (New) The method of claim 53, further comprising, in response to receiving the
2 identifier, determining that the expiration date associated with the pre-paid airline ticket being
3 utilized to book the flight is on or before a current date.

1 55. (New) The computer program of claim 44, wherein the records of the records of
2 the database further include an expiration date for an associated pre-paid airline ticket to expire.

1 56. (New) The computer program of claim 44, further operable to receive the
2 identifier being uniquely associated with a pre-paid airline ticket and determine whether the pre-
3 paid airline ticket has expired based on the associated expiration date.